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SUBJ: OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS) MARCH 12

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1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION THIS MEETING WITH ECON/COM COUNSELOR, SWISS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THERE WERE FEW CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF THE TENTATIVE TIMING OF THE OECD MINISTERIAL, AND ABOUT HOW THE PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR MULTINATIONALS AND ON INVESTMENT MIGHT BE USED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS AMBASSADOR JACOBI AND PHILIPPE LEVY, OF THE DIVISION OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ECONOMY, EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS ON THE XCSS MEETINGS OF MARCH 11 AND 12. THEY BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT GOOD CLIMATE THROUGH THE MARCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND APRIL MEETINGS AND INTO UNCTAD IV IN MAY THE DC'S SHOULD DEVELOP A CLEARER CONCEPT OF HOW THE CIEC IS TO COME OUT, AND TRY TO SELL IT TO THE LDC'S, THEREBY HOPEFULLY BRINGING THEM TO BE MORE CONCRETE AND REALISTIC IN THEIR PROPOSALS. THE SWISS FEAR THAT UNLESS THE DC'S HAVE SOMETHING MORE TO OFFER THAN GOOD WILL, IN TIME FOR NAIROBI, THINGS WILL GO BADLY THERE AND IN PARIS IN JUNE.

3. THE SWISS WOULD MUCH PREFER TO SEE THE OECD MINISTERIAL HELD AFTER THE CIEC HIGH LEVEL MEETING, RATHER THAN BETWEEN UNCTAD IV AND THE CIEC MEETING (PARA 27 REFTEL). THEY ARGUE THAT IF VERY LITTLE IS ACCOMPLISHED AT UNCTAD IV, THE LATTER PART OF THAT MEETING WILL BECOME FOCUSED ON THE OECD MINISTERIAL. THE LDC'S WILL TRY TO BRING THE OECD MINISTERS TO INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATES TO THE HIGH-LEVEL CIEC MEETINGS TO MAKE PROPOSALS AND CONCESSIONS. EVEN IF THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN, HOLDING THE MINISTERIAL BETWEEN THE OTHER TWO MEETINGS IS BOUND TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS THAT ARE UNLIKELY TO BE FULFILLED. THE SWISS THINK THAT LDC DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE DIALOGUE WOULD MORE EASILY BE AVOIDED BY HOLDING THE MINISTERIAL AFTER THE HIGH LEVEL CIEC MEETING.

4. ON THE MNC QUESTION LEVEY SAID THE SWISS VIEW BOTH PARTS OF THE PROPOSED PACKAGE AS ESSENTIAL. AGREEMENT ON GUIDELINES WITHOUT AGREEMENT ON THE DECLARATION ON NATIONAL TREATMENT, INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE. FREEDOM FOR INVESTMENT IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE SWISS THAN THE GUIDELINES.

5. THE SWISS REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE TO WHICH THE TWO AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE PUT BY THE LDC'S. ONCE AGREED AMONG OECD COUNTRIES IT MAY PROVE HARD TO PREVENT LDC'S, WHERE THE PROBLEM OF TRANSFER PRICES, FOR EXAMPLE, IS QUOTE DIFFERENT THAN IT IS BETWEEN OECD COUNTRIES, FROM INCORPORATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE TWO DOCUMENTS IN NATIONAL LAW OR INSISTING THAT THEY APPLY TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DC'S AND THE LDC'S.
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